

Inside Your Third

The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department

2 Second Street East Norwalk, CT 06855

It's leap year

Third District Commission Announces An Arbor Day Contest!

The Third District Commission announces an Arbor Day contest. Upon a motion by Commissioner Feinstein, the Commission approved a poetry contest for grade school children who live in the District. Students are encouraged to write a poem that best expresses their feelings toward trees and the environment.

Winners will be selected from each grade level, and will present their winning poem at a tree planting ceremony in the District. The author of the



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best will ride
in the Memo-
rial Day

Parade,
escorted

in the Third

Taxing District's electric
vehicle.

All poems should be submitted to the Department's offices at 2 Second Street, attention "General Manager". All poems must include the writer's name, address,

phone number, age, grade and school name. All poems should be submitted no later than April 18, 2000. Patrick Shields, an East Norwalk resident, has volunteered to lead the judging committee.

Arbor Day is April 28, so start writing those poems today!

Upcoming Events

- February 2 Groundhog Day
- February 14 Valentine's Day
- February 21 President's Day
- February 22 Commission Meeting 7:00
Eunice Van Zilen Room
- February 22 Blood Drive
East Norwalk Library
1:45–6:45pm
- February 29 Sadie Hawkins
- March 1 Annual Meeting of
Electors of Third District
Eunice Van Zilen Room
7:00 pm

Victor Tenore Returns As General Manager

The State of Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission (FOIC) ruled on December 8, 1999 that Victor Tenore was terminated by the Third District Commission after an illegal meeting. Based on the facts presented to the FOIC, it concluded that Mr. Tenore was improperly excluded from the meeting that discussed his

termination. The FOIC also found that Mr. Tenore was not properly afforded notice of the purpose of the meeting. Based upon these findings, the FOIC declared that the action taken at the May 13th meeting of the TTD Commission, at which Mr. Tenore was fired, to be null and void. Mr. Tenore was immediately placed back in his posi-

tion as General Manager and District Clerk. The Third Taxing District operated without anyone in his position since May 13th. Chairman Santella worked closely with the remaining office personnel to keep the offices running.



Victor Tenore restored to his former position

Electric Department Becomes Y2K Compliant

At its January meeting, the Commission unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the General Manager to proceed with the purchase and installation of modern, state-of-the-art customer billing and accounts receivable software to produce monthly bills for our customers. We will be phasing-in this new software over the next several months. Our General Manager thoroughly researched the matter, and made his recommendation to the Commission over a year ago, but no action was taken. This Commission recognizes the importance of using current, industry standard, Y2K compliant software to maintain premier customer service for our customers.

At the January meeting the General Manager also reported on the successful completion of the installation of the new Y2K compliant computer network throughout out the offices of the District. Some equipment, more than 10 years old, has been replaced with modern, state-of-the-art hardware, which will allow our employees to worker smarter, better and faster.

East Norwalk Inter-Faith Committee Announcements

Monsignor William Scheyd P.A.,V.G., Pastor of Saint Thomas The Apostle Church on East Avenue, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Sunday, February 13, 2000 at the 12:00 Mass. Monsignor Scheyd is active in our East Norwalk community and also serves as a Fire Department Chaplain. Congratulations, Monsignor!



Holiday Lights in the Third Taxing District

The lights stay on and shine bright in East Norwalk, in more ways than one.

On December 5, 1999, the Third Taxing District, in conjunction with the Marvin School PTO, sponsored the tree lighting in Governor Fitch Park. The annual event was well attended by the residents of East Norwalk. Dennis Santella, Chairman of the District, acted as master of ceremonies. Short dedications were made by Mayor Esposito and Commissioner Feinstein. The crowd was entertained with melodic renditions of holiday songs courtesy of the Marvin School Choir and the Nathan Hale Choir. In keeping with tradition, Santa Claus arrived by firetruck to hand out treats to the many children in attendance.

On December 8, 1999 the Third District, in conjunction with the East Norwalk Inter-faith Association, sponsored a Menorah Lighting at Constitution Park. This was the only Menorah lighting in the entire city of Norwalk. Commissioner Feinstein proposed the inclusion of a Menorah in the holiday season and the East Norwalk Inter-faith Association immediately responded with the construction and placement of the Menorah. This will become an annual event in the Third District.

Special thanks to Third District resident Terry Rooney, for his exceptional work in both of these events. Terry's outstanding performance in a variety of roles at these events helped to make each of them a success!

East Norwalk Improvement Association

The East Norwalk Improvement Association has been quite busy since November.

The library has seen many improvements, including the remodeling of its lower level and dedication as the Eunice Van Zilen Hall. This hall is now available for use by the public and community organizations. The recent renovations were planned and overseen by Chairman Santella, at no cost to the Library or the Third District.

The TTD Commission is proud to hold its monthly business meetings in the Eunice Van Zilen Hall, and encourages residents of East Norwalk to attend its public meetings. In January, the Improvement Association held its annual

meeting, and Terry Rooney was elected to serve as its President. Liz Lyons was elected Vice-President and Don Burr was elected Secretary. A committee was formed to report on needed beautification projects in East Norwalk. Thanks to Michele Beyman, the abandoned Howard Johnson's site and other potential sites for beautification efforts will be addressed, and the beauty of East Norwalk will be enhanced.

In cooperation with the American Red Cross Assn, the East Norwalk Improvement Association is sponsoring a blood drive at the Library on February 22, 2000, from 1:45 pm – 6:45 pm. All persons in good health are invited to give blood on that day. You can make a difference. "Please give, so that others may live."